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## Veterans acquire Huey from unforgettable war

Story by Sgt. Derrick Witherspoon  
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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Through the dark of the night and the heat of the jungle; through the gunfire and the bullet wounds; through the sweat and the tears; through all of this, Vietnam veterans served our country with courage and dignity during the Vietnam War. Now some of those Veterans in Chattanooga have received a piece of their past from the war that will memorialize their hard work, dedication and service to this country.

Members of the Chattanooga based Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 203 recently acquired a U-H 1 (Huey) helicopter from the Army so they could restore it and display it in Chattanooga as a memorial to all Vietnam veterans. Remarkably, this helicopter was flown in Vietnam in 1966 and 1967 where it was hit with enemy fire twice and continued flying, but what is even more remarkable is that one of the pilots that flew this helicopter in Vietnam now resides in Chattanooga.

Thomas Borloglou, supervisory staff administrator for the 3397th U.S. Army Garrison Support Unit, an Army Reserve unit located in Chattanooga, flew the helicopter in

Vietnam during 1967 while he was on a 12-month deployment there with the 48th Assault Helicopter Company. Borloglou is also an Army Reserve Chief Warrant Officer with the Aviation Training Brigade located at Fort Rucker, Ala.

“It’s amazing that this aircraft would come to rest in Chattanooga, a home it has never known, with a group of guys who never knew her, and that I should be in Chattanooga, which is a place that I wasn’t raised, but a place I have come to rest also,” Borloglou said. “So by some twist of fate the two of us winding up in a place we both will call our final home is amazing.”

Borloglou said finding out that the helicopter was one that he flew in Vietnam was a complete surprise. “I received a call from one of the VVA members saying that this particular helicopter came from the unit I was assigned to in Vietnam and that they

were pretty sure I had flown it,” Borloglou said. “After seeing the helicopter I knew they were right.” He said the tail number on the helicopter matched the tail number of one of the helicopters he flew in the war.

“If this helicopter could talk it would probably tell you breath-taking stories about life saving missions it was on. I can’t tell you how



Photo by Sgt. Derrick Witherspoon

**Thomas Borloglou stands next to the helicopter he flew in Vietnam. The helicopter will be dedicated to all soldiers who served in the Vietnam War.**

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many times we flew into an area where our soldiers were severely injured and we were able to pull them out and take them to receive medical attention, usually within about 15 minutes,” Borloglou said. “This machine did an incredible job carrying these soldiers into battle and getting them there safely. These helicopters were so forgiving from the pilot’s point of view, and what is even more amazing is that they were able to perform the way they did in the hot, humid climate we were in. They more than outperformed what they were

advertised to do. These things have been around so long and have done so much for the Army, even though they are being replaced. The story is that when they take the last Black Hawk to the bone yard they will fly back in a Huey,” Borloglou said with a slight laugh.

Once the helicopter is fully restored it will be placed on a 12-foot pedestal in the Soddy-Daisy Veterans Park located north of Chattanooga. On May 18th Borloglou was bestowed the honor of riding in the helicopter during the Chattanooga Armed Forces Day Parade. 🐾

## 81st RSC Retention Office gears up for new mission

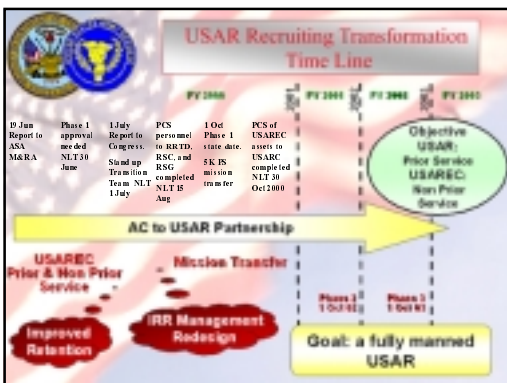
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — In October of 2000 the 81st Regional Support Command (RSC) Retention Office was given a new mission called the IRR to TPU Transition Mission

The IRR (Individual Ready Reserve) to TPU (Troop Program Unit) Transition Mission involves 79V’s (Retention and Transition Noncommissioned Officers) working to contact IRR soldiers that still have a legal or contractual obligation to the Army Reserve and helping them become TPU soldiers. The 81st RSC is phase one of this three-phase mission implemented by the Department of the Army.

“We were first briefed on this mission in June of 2000. There were subsequent meetings conducted to work out all the crucial details,” said Sgt. Maj. Tony H. Bennett, 81st RSC senior retention NCO. “One of the major details discussed was how do we fill our 79V positions. The plan was to reclassify recruiters from USAREC and have them work as retention/transition NCO’s. We received

approximately 61 new recruiters from this process, and we definitely needed them.” He added that they also received an additional 80 new hire AGR soldiers to help with the mission’s success.



Bennett said the 65th RSC was also a part of phase one of the transfer mission. “We were one of the first, along with the 65th, because we have such a good working relationship with the 2nd Recruiting Brigade and our boundaries are somewhat the same,” Bennett said. “They

also thought this would be a great place to start the mission because this is a good region for recruiting soldiers.”

Colonel John F. Baynes, 81st RSC senior liaison officer and project manager for the IRR to TPU Transfer Mission, said the IRR soldiers have been responding extremely well to the 79V’s. “We have this huge population of soldiers in the IRR and we are just trying to manage that because we need those people working side-by-side with us now more than ever,” Baynes said.

Baynes said that they brought in a total of 631 soldiers during the second quarter of their mission. To many this might sound very successful, and Bennett said it is, but he added that it’s going to take more involvement from the units to keep it that way.

Bennett concluded by saying, “Getting the commanders involved is a big key to the success of this mission. Each unit in the 81st RSC has a 79V in the area to help them bring IRR soldiers into their units, but they also need the TPU soldiers to help the 79V’s by providing them with solid referrals. The more referrals the 79V’s get, the more we can strengthen the force of the Army Reserve.” 🐾



**Front cover:**  
A soldier from the 861st Quartermaster Company, Nashville, Tenn., performs an air jump at Arnold Air Force Base, Tullahoma, Tenn., during the 861st Family Day Picnic.  
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# GENERAL COMMENTS



Maj. Gen. Michael R. Mayo

Recently I attended a Commander's Conference hosted by the Army Chief of Staff. The theme of the conference centered on the Army of the future.

### Army Vision

Most of us know the Army Vision – Soldiers on Point for the Nation, Persuasive in Peace, Invincible in War. The vision says volumes about the future of our Army and its current state.

### An Army of One

The vision recommits the Army's basic tenant that the soldier is the Army. This can be seen in the Army slogan – An Army of One. It can

also be seen in the change to a Black Beret. The Black Beret signals the Army is about to transform into a lighter, more lethal force. When you think of who have worn the beret in the past, it has been the lighter, lethal, highly mobile forces – Special Forces, Rangers, and Airborne. So when you wear your Beret, it is the beginning of change. Hold on for the future.

### Scope of Operations

"Persuasive in Peace, Invincible in War" defines our scope of operations. Since Desert Shield, we as a nation have experienced most of the missions we can expect in the future; from war to disaster relief.

The "Army of One" must be equipped and trained to succeed in any challenge. Lighter equipment, more lethal weaponry, technology, and soldier survivability advancements will help us achieve greater persuasiveness and invincibility while reducing the risks to soldiers' lives.

### Transformation

The transformation will take time. Equipment development and production take years; but where breakthroughs in technology and tactics occur, expect the Army to move fast and the 81st Regional Support Command to move with it. *(Readiness-Soldiers-Families)*

## CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

I am excited about the ministry taking place throughout the 81st RSC. Spiritual fitness is vital to readiness. Scripture says, "There is a spirit in man, and the Almighty giveth inspiration." The Army's Chief of Chaplains has designated "Spirituality" as the focus of training for the Army's Chaplains. Spirituality is something all of us have. We are spiritual as well as physical. It is to our benefit to recognize the connection of the spiritual and the physical.

I recently returned from a training course put on by Harvard Medical School entitled, "Spirituality and Healing in Medicine." Dr. Herbert Benson, M.D., Professor of Medicine Harvard Medical School, lead the two-day training accompanied by numerous faculty. Over 600 physicians, chaplains and counselors from 29 states and nine foreign countries attended the training. Benson told the audience that for more than 25 years laboratories at the Harvard Medical School have systematically studied the benefits of mind and body interactions.

The research established that when a person engages in a repetitive prayer, word or phrase and when intrusive thoughts are passively disregarded, a specific set of physiological changes ensue. These changes are the opposite of those induced by stress and have been labeled the relaxation response. Elicitation of the relaxation response has been demonstrated to be an effective therapy in a number of diseases that include hypertension, cardiac rhythm irregularities, many forms of chronic pain, insomnia, infertility, the



Chaplain (Col.) Tommy W. Smith

symptoms of cancer and AIDS, premenstrual syndrome, anxiety and mild and moderate depression.

It was found that the spiritual part of each person can bring wholeness to the emotional, the physical and the intellectual parts of life. Spirituality is defined as experiencing the presence of a power, a force, or what many perceive as God.

**"Let us all encourage one another for a spiritually fit Army."**

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Furthermore, spirituality was associated with fewer medical symptoms. In 1991 three medical schools had spirituality and healing courses, now eighty schools require them.

The Chief of Chaplain's emphasis on spirituality has made all of us aware of the extreme importance of the soldier's spiritual condition, not only for his or her character and courage, but physical health as well. Our chaplains are in place to help encourage and strengthen your spiritual life. Let us all encourage one another for a spiritually fit Army.

## CSM MEMOS

Army "Transformation" is a topic that is discussed in a variety of formats in nearly every circle that encompasses the future of the Army. The word transformation implies change, and a synchronized National Security Strategy, National Military Strategy and Joint Vision 2020 are the plans for the Army of the future.

What is Army Transformation? It is the process of converting the Army's focus and structure from a cold war construct to a full spectrum combat force that is strategically responsive and dominate at every point on the spectrum of conflict. It is more than technology. It will also include training soldiers and leaders, doctrine, readiness, installations and equipment. Transformation will be a fundamental change in capabilities to better support joint war fighting and operational objectives.

It is obvious that change will take time and the changes will seem painstakingly slow at times, but nonetheless, change is occurring and will continue to take place until the appropriate Objective Force is developed. The Legacy Force that is currently sustaining itself is, at the same time, transforming into an Interim Force whose final objective is to become the responsive, deployable, agile, versatile, lethal, survivable and sustainable force called the Army.

The Objective Force and Future Combat System will be a system of systems that will "See First, Decide First, Shoot First and Move First." In truth, the Future Combat System will



Command Sgt. Maj. George Johnson

generate overmatching combat power at every facet of conflict.

The role of the NCO will be to help retain and recruit a quality force, ensure the Legacy and interim forces are ready to accomplish their missions and to teach, coach and mentor the leaders and soldiers of the Objective Force.

**"The Army is moving toward the final transformation and its soldiers are 'on point' for success."**

Command Sgt. Maj. George Johnson

With the above criteria as a backdrop to the desired Objective Force, the Army will be smaller and as a result must engage every leadership position to be fully prepared. It will be extremely critical that each soldier know and fully understand the principles, objectives and desired

outcomes of any conflict and be prepared to execute within a brief time frame.

The Army is moving toward the final transformation and its soldiers are "on point" for success. We, as NCO's, are the ones who will help ensure that the desired outcomes are the ones that are achieved!

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# Parachute riggers jump into family day

Story by Spc. Mark Rickert  
372nd MPAD

TULLAHOMA, Tenn. – It was a beautiful day at Arnold Air Force Base as a massive C-130 aircraft swooped over the drop zone, carrying a group of soldiers from the 861st Quartermaster Company from Nashville, Tenn., 1,200 feet into the air for a routine jump. Below, family members, friends and employers cheered as the aircraft soared overhead, each of them knowing the risk involved.

The 861st organized their annual family day activities in conjunction with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) awards presentation and one of the unit's routine jumps.

The 861st family day is an important event for their family members and soldiers alike. Aside from meeting with old friends and possibly making new ones, the 861st uses its family days as a way of finding support and giving support to each other. It allows friends and families to understand and become involved with the unit's activities.

The 861st performs four to six jumps a year, but this jump was special. It gave family members, friends and employers a first hand look at the time, training and procedures that precede an air jump. By showing this to their guests, the unit hopes to relieve the anxieties of many family members and give employers an opportunity to learn what their employees do in the Army Reserve, especially soldiers of the 861st Quartermaster Company.

Melissa Smith, wife of Staff Sgt. James F. Smith, jumpmaster for the 861st, said, "I am a chicken, I don't like

to watch the jumps because I'm very superstitious. I came today because my daughter wanted to see her daddy jump. She's very excited. She has never seen this before."

Smith is well aware of his wife's fears. He said, "Oh yeah, she is very superstitious. I've been jumping for over 15 years and this is the first time she has ever come to watch. Melissa is always very apprehensive when I jump, but I think once she sees the structure and safety procedures that go into this, she will feel much better about it."

Smith added, "I think doing this during family day is good for the new soldiers. The loved ones get to see how organized the jumps really are. Usually, once they understand more about the procedures involved, they are less frightened and more supportive."

Susan Gray, wife of 1st Lt. Jack L. Gray, a platoon leader with the same unit, also expressed her anxieties. "I don't like it, but it's what he likes to do. Still, I don't like it," she said, gazing nervously at her husband.

On the other hand, there are families who enjoy the experience. "It's exciting

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Melissa Smith

to watch, but it's always a little scary," said Kathy Hare, wife of Staff Sgt. Charles C. Hare, who services and repairs parachutes at the unit. "I'm always afraid he'll run into a tree or something. It has happened before," she said, "but it's nice to

support the Army Reserve. It's fun to get to know other family members and it's good to see that the Army is very prepared."

For some family members watching the jump isn't always fun and games,



Photo by Staff Sgt. Carl E. Lambert

**Family members listen to Sgt. Kevin Tiddy, 861st QM CO, while he explains the jumping process during a tour of a C-130 aircraft.**

but they find support from other family members.

"It's nice to know that others share the same fears," said Mrs. Smith. "Family day benefits the families and helps the soldiers. It allows families to bring out their children and mingle with other military families. I think family day is neat," said Smith. "It gives you a chance to meet other families. You get to meet people with the same concerns you have."

"They started doing this more after Desert Shield, Storm. It would've been nice to know some of the other wives during Desert Storm. I could've called them when I was lonely. Now,

if something like that ever happens again, at least I'll know I'll have someone to talk to," Mrs. Smith concluded.

The 861st had two lifts with two passes each and 52 soldiers scheduled to jump, with some of them jumping more than once. The food the family members got to enjoy was catered and paid for by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Over 270 people, to include family members, soldiers and employers, helped put everything together and attended the 861st Quartermaster Company family day activities, making it a big success. ☺

## AFTB helps families learn more about Army Reserve

Story by Vernessa Barnes  
81st RSC, Family Readiness Office

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Looking for a new twist for your family day or family readiness training? Try an Army Family Team Building class (AFTB). Courses are divided into three levels and can be used flexibly to meet the needs of the individual audience. Pertinent classes such as, "Impact of the Mission on Family Life" and "Adapting to Change" are two examples of courses that can be chosen for use for Family Days, Family Readiness Group meetings, and other specially organized family member and volunteer training. Commanders can utilize specific classes to enhance soldiers' and families' understanding of mobilization. There are also a number of classes useful in the retention arena.

What is AFTB? A six-year-old program developed for Army-wide implementation. The purpose of the program is to provide family members (of soldiers, retirees and Department of Army (DA) civilian employees) with training opportunities to increase self-reliance skills, as well as gain information and understanding about the Army.

In the U.S. Army Reserve, commanders have overall responsibility to implement the AFTB program at the unit level. A basic concept of the program is volunteers teaching family members.

Army Family Team Building, initially, made the



Photo by Staff Sgt. Carl E. Lambert

**Sergeant First Class Wade Shoemaker watches his daughter pretend to jump from a C-130 during the 861st QM CO Family Day picnic.**

decision to create a special website for this program for Reserve Component family members who are often geographically dispersed away from their related military unit. This website has been expanded to meet the needs of not only family members to take the interactive AFTB courses on line, but also can be utilized by AFTB Master Trainers, Core Trainers, and other staff. Site visitors can tour as a guest or register for the site and obtain a password.

The website includes a web-based version of the AFTB Level I training (and eventually Level II and III) courses, along with a "Student Union" where students can track their individual lesson progress, post questions to trainers and communicate with each other. These classes are available to family members, volunteers, civilians and soldiers. The latest Army family news is also available through the site's "TeamLink" area. Trainers and program managers can also share ideas, download program resources and order supplies from the site.

A recent change, since the publication of the USARC Regulation 608-1, Family Readiness Handbook, dated Aug. 01, 2000, is the website NetTrainer address which is now <http://www.armyfamilyteambuilding.org>.

Volunteers, soldiers and commanders are encouraged to utilize this training resource as they implement AFTB at the local level and to prepare them for the possibility of becoming Master Trainers. ☺



# 81st RSC says farewell to Brig. Gen. William B. Watson, Jr.

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Scotty Johnson  
81st RSC, PAO

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The 81st Regional Support Command (RSC) bids farewell to one of its greatest leaders; Brig. Gen. William B. Watson. Watson served four years as the deputy commander of the 81st RSC.

Watson is viewed by many of the enlisted soldiers and officers as a leaders leader. Master Sgt. Wendy Woods, noncommissioned officer in charge of individual training in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of Operations (DCSOPS), said, “He is very easy to work with. I feel I can talk to him about anything and that makes working with him a pleasure. He understands what an NCO goes through because he’s been there.”

“I remember watching NCO’s, and officers alike, with their various leadership styles and making mental notes,” Watson said.

Watson started his military career as an enlisted soldier. He received his commission



Brigadier General William B. Watson, Jr.

in 1968 after completion of Infantry Officer Candidate School.

“My fondest memory is just watching the soldiers and units of the 81st RSC continue to lead the way in the U.S. Army Reserve and watching soldiers execute their mission in a flawless manner,” Watson said. He uses the quote, “At the end of the most grandiose plans and strategies, is a soldier walking point,” to summarize his style of leadership. He believes that taking care of soldiers through training, readiness, administration and family support fosters an atmosphere that will challenge soldiers to be their very best.

Watson leaves the 81st RSC to serve in a dual role as the commander of the U.S. Army Reserve Readiness Command and as the deputy commander of the U.S. Army Reserve Command IMA (Individual Mobilization Augmentee). Many of the enlisted members and officers of the 81st RSC said they will definitely miss Watson, but will rely on the leadership he brought to the command. 🐾

## Sergeant Major of the Army speaks out on Beret, transformation of Army

Story by Sgt. Derrick Witherspoon  
81st RSC, PAO

As soldiers begin to dawn the beret, many are still confused on why the Army chose to transform from the camouflaged battle dress uniform cap to the black beret. Some are also confused on the ongoing transformation of the Army as a whole. Sergeant Major Of the Army Jack L. Tilley recently spoke out on the transformation process to once again inform soldiers on why this is taking place. The following is what he had to say:

“In recent months, it has become increasingly apparent that opinions on the beret are nearly as numerous as the myths and misconceptions surrounding both the beret’s history and our reasons for switching to it.

I’ve made it a point to talk about the beret with nearly every group of soldiers I’ve spoken with in my travels. Typically, I’ve asked for a show of hands from people who think the black beret is a bad idea.

As a rule, about 20-30 percent of the soldiers raise their hands.

Then, nearly every group has shared some good-natured laughs with me as we take a look at what soldiers really know about the topic.

‘What kind of units wore the black beret from 1973-1979,’ I begin asking the soldiers who raised their hands. ‘What was the first unit in the Army authorized to wear black berets; True or false. Rangers wore berets in World War II; True or false. Soldiers graduating from Ranger School are awarded a Ranger tab and a black beret; What is the only course in the Army where soldiers are awarded berets upon graduation; How many years has the Army talked about putting every soldier in a black beret?’

I think it’s safe to say that less than 20 percent of the soldiers who raised their hands could answer even one of these questions.

Beginning as early as 1924, I tell these groups, armor units in the British Army began wearing black berets for a few very simple reasons.

For one thing, the color hid the grease spots tankers often left on their hats when putting them on and taking them off as they worked on their vehicles. Also, the beret allowed tank crewmen to comfortably wear radio headsets and push their faces against the tank’s telescopic sights.

Although historians say a few Ranger units unofficially wore black berets during the early 1950’s and again during the Vietnam War, the Center of Military History can find no photos or documentation indicating World War II Rangers were ever authorized to wear berets of any color.

The headgear did not become an official part of the Ranger uniform for another 25 years. In 1975, the Army authorized two newly formed ranger battalions to wear black berets—one year after both armor and cavalry units around the Army began wearing black berets

Many soldiers say, “Oh yeah,” when I remind them that our Opposing Force units at the National Training Center, Joint Readiness Training

Center and Combat Maneuver Training Center have worn black berets for years. Further, more than a few eyebrows go up when I explain to soldiers that armor and cavalry units throughout the Army were authorized black berets from 1973-1979.

Thus far in talking to literally thousands of soldiers about the black beret, only one person - a sergeant at Fort Gordon, Ga. - knew that the Army’s leadership had considered transitioning the entire force to black berets for more than a dozen years. Each time, the decision was deferred because of other priorities.

At the end of my beret quiz, I ask soldiers to tell me what they know about the Army and our ongoing transformation. I’m proud to say most of us show a better grasp of transformation than we do the history of the black beret.

I would hope that these thoughts would add a bit to soldiers’ understanding of both the Army’s transformation and the change to the black beret.” 🐾

### The Black Beret

#### Description:

The black beret is a wool-knitted outershell, lined or unlined, with a leather sweatband. An adjusting ribbon is threaded through the binding. The black beret is equipped with a stiffener on the left front. Except for color, all classes of berets are the same. The Unit Flash on the black beret should be centered above the left eye of the wearer.

#### How Worn:

The headband (edge binding) is worn straight across the forehead, 1 inch above the eyebrow with the top of the beret draped over the right ear with the stiffener positioned over the left eye. The ends of the adjusting ribbon will be cut off and the ribbon knot secured inside the edge binding at the back of the beret. Berets will only be worn with the service uniforms and with the utility uniforms in a garrison environment. This information can be referenced in AR 670-1 Paragraph 26.3.C-D.

(Information and photos courtesy of the U.S. Army Soldiers and Biological Chemical Command (SBCCOM) Website.)

#### Black Beret Worn Correctly

Beret Worn Correctly:



#### Black Beret Worn Incorrectly

Beret Worn Incorrectly:





# Army, Navy Reserve team up for medical missions

Story by Maj. Ann M. Bauer  
330th CSH

QUITO, Ecuador – Personnel from the Army’s 330th Combat Support Hospital (CSH) located in Millington, Tenn., and one member of the Navy Reserve from the Naval Support Activity Mid-South recently completed two-week Medical Readiness Training Exercises (MEDRETE) in Ecuador, South America. The team’s mission was to provide medical, dental, veterinary and optometry care in the rural areas near Quito, Ecuador’s capital city.

The first exercise took place in the Manabi Province of Ecuador located on the Southwest portion of the country. During the two-week exercise, 13-27 January, 2001, a total of 8,429 people received Level 1 medical care. The 330th Combat Support Hospital (CSH) personnel led the 35-member team with Maj. Lynette Harrison as the officer in charge. The team included veterinarians from the 422nd Medical Detachment in Maryland, dentists from the 337th Dental Company in Louisiana, as well as medical and support personnel from the 330th CSH.

According to 1st Lt. William Wallace, executive officer for the mission, “the team managed to train and coordinate deployment efforts effectively in spite of distance issues for members of the team. They really worked very well together and quickly established an effective method for treating large numbers of people and

animals.” The treatment sites in the Manabi Province of Ecuador were established at three schools in the towns of Rio Chico, Alajuela and Picoaza. Out of the nearly 8,500 patients treated during a period of 10 treatment days, over 4,000 were pediatric patients. The most common diseases seen were dermatological, malnutrition, parasitic and upper respiratory infections. The dental team performed 825 extractions on 800 patients. Col. Russell Mayer, chief dental officer, commented, “There is some fluoride in the water which helped improve the dental health of this population. However, for many of these people, extraction is the only care we can provide.”

The veterinary team, led by Col. Daniel Ragland, treated over 1,878 animals with 3,652 treatments. A variety of birds, monkeys, and regional animals were treated in addition to cattle, dogs, cats, and horses.

A new service for the MEDRETE team was the provision of glasses for the local population. A host nation optometrist performed a minimal eye screening on patients and facilitated the distribution of 867 pairs of eyeglasses by the U.S. medical team. “The local people were really excited to have the optometry service on this mission. For many, this is their only opportunity to obtain glasses so that

**“It was very interesting to perform this mission as a joint service venture...”**

Commander Bradford Waters



Photos by Maj. Ann M. Bauer

**Chief Dental Officer Col. Russell Mayer and dental assistant Staff Sgt. Rebecca Gnewuch complete a dental extraction procedure on an Ecuadorian patient.**

they can see,” said Master Sgt. Charles Williams, a member of the 330th CSH. Mission two occurred from 10-24 February, 2001, in the Orellana Province of Ecuador. The base camp at El Coca was located in the Northeast region of Ecuador approximately 210 kilometers from the Columbian border. The school sites selected for this mission were in the towns of Loreto, Sacha and El Coca. According to the officer in charge of this mission, Capt. Claudio Monserrate-Lopez of the 330th CSH, “The challenges presented by the high temperature and humidity of the region, large patient volume and the local political situation were dealt with in true professional soldier manner. There were many adjustments to the mission which had to be made as we moved along, but the team worked extremely well together to accomplish the mission.”

Commander Bradford Waters, a member of the U.S. Navy Reserve based

in Millington, Tenn., joined mission number two for some first hand experiences on the MEDRETE. “It was very interesting to perform this mission as a joint service venture and work together to treat so many patients. Living in a severe field environment was a challenge, but we all survived together. It was a very rewarding training opportunity and reinforced the notion that, in the United States military, the different services are more alike than different. We all share the same values. I have made many ‘Army’ friends from this mission,” Waters said.

As a result of the coordinated effort of Army and Navy personnel, over 15,000 patients and 3,100 animals were treated over the period of 19 treatment days in the country of Ecuador. The 330th said they developed great survival skills and learned many lessons from the host nation civilian and military population during their mission. 🐾

## A weekend in the life of an Army Reserve hospital unit

Story by Spc. Tim B. Lawn  
73rd Field Hospital (HUB)

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. – For most of the soldiers in the 73rd Field Hospital, located in St. Petersburg, the Army Reserve is a second career. On any normal day they are your doctor, nurse, emergency room technician or even your air conditioning repairman. Sgt. Sherrie Sanders is a home health nurse, married with one child; Pfc. Scott Burgess is an electrician; and Maj. Yvonne Kelley is a registered nurse and nurse manager for a local veterans outpatient clinic. Their reasons for joining the 73rd Field Hospital are varied and far-reaching, but their goal is the same; To serve their country proudly.

They all said coming to drill one weekend a month is not an easy task. They miss baseball games, birthdays, anniversaries and priceless time with the families they love. In addition to one weekend a month, they must also sacrifice two-weeks or more in additional training per year, but they said it’s all worth it. Here is a look into what a reservist goes through during a weekend drill through the lives of soldiers from the 73rd Field hospital.

### Field Training Exercise

The drill at MacDill Air Force Base was a Field Training Exercise. The purpose of this exercise was to test the unit in many areas, from mission readiness, to the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the hospital and the unit staff. It allows the commander to review the needs of the unit as a whole and each of the hospitals unique elements. Lt. Col. Gary Zaleski, the hospital executive officer, quickly put the drill into context. “The mission is for safety, mobilization, NBC, and equipment training,” Zaleski said. “32 miles of convoy travel each way, bringing together

nurses, doctors, power teams and preventive maintenance checks and services (PMCS). It’s making all elements



Photo by Spc. Tim B. Lawn

**Reservists from the 73rd Field Hospital (HUS) prepare to train on a hydraulic dolly.**

come together and function as one.”

On hand was an officer sent from a parent command to evaluate the unit. Four Department of Defense civilians from the Regional Training Support Medical (RTS MED) out of Fort Gordon teamed up to provide their expertise and assist in training and the deployment of the hospital.

### Drill Begins

The drill began Saturday at 6:30 a.m. in a mist-shrouded field. NBC teams and a recon team had cleared the field. The advance party arrived traveling over 35 miles in a convoy of vehicles and equipment. Heavy equipment and gear was staged as the troops arrived; the training site sprang to life.

Once the field hospital was finished, the training began. Soldiers, officers and enlisted alike rotated from station to station. Emergency technicians learned not only their own tasks from superiors, but moved to different locations to learn the operation of the generator or dolly. Heavy Equipment operators learned to identify injuries. Every soldier there trained at his or her own job and also had a chance to see and experience what their fellow soldiers would encounter in a real world situation.

### Day Two

Sunday morning arrived in another fog covered training area. Today the soldiers would reverse what they did Saturday.

By afternoon, the convoy returned to the unit. Reports were filed, meetings were held. Equipment was inventoried and stowed away. The soldiers gathered for one last formation. A hearty congratulation was given on a weekend of safe, realistic and tough training.

### End of Drill

Twilight faded on another weekend drill gone by. Tomorrow, the Army Reserve husband, wife, mother, brother or sister will arise to start a new day, but this time in their civilian lives. 🐾



# Women of the Army Reserve

## *An Army of One*

### Lieutenant goes the distance for Army Reserve

Story by Sgt. Derrick Witherspoon  
81st RSC, PAO

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – When it comes to chasing dreams and helping others do the same, some say that no one does it quite as well as 1st Lt. Kate Forehand: An Army of One.

Forehand, commander of the Charlotte based Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 812th Transportation Battalion, raced in the All Services Track Meet conducted at West Point last spring. She won first place in the women's division of the 1500-meter and five-kilometer track races, but this is only a reflection of the accomplishments she has achieved for herself and the Army Reserve over the past couple of years.

Forehand, who resides in Charlotte, is a competitive runner. She has been running since she became a teenager. "I started running at the age of 13 and have been competing ever since," Forehand said. "It was something that came particularly easy for me in my middle school gym class, in comparison to other sports. When I got to high school I tried out for track my freshmen year. When I beat our best senior, and then qualified for the state sectionals, I realized that this was the sport for me." Now she is taking her running skills back to high school as she works to enhance the running skills of 12 girls, ages 12 to 18.

Forehand brought her passion for running along with her when she joined the Army Reserve. She was the only female member

of the 81st Regional Support Command (RSC) Army Ten Miler Team in October 1999. That team won first place in the Army Reserve Division of the Army Ten Miler. She has also been a member of the Army Cross Country



Photo by Col. David A. Rowland

Team, U.S. Cross Country Team and the Army Track Team.

Colonel David A. Rowland, former 81st RSC Headquarters deputy chief of staff, personnel, and one of Forehand's Army Ten Miler teammates, said

she is equally as dedicated to her military life as she is to her civilian life.

"Lieutenant Forehand is an excellent officer and is in outstanding physical condition. I would have to say that I think she is the best female Army athlete in the RSC," Rowland said. "I remember how fast she was when we ran the Army Ten Miler. We started the race side-by-side. At one-quarter of a mile she was out of my sight, and I'm no snail off the starting line. She is really one phenomenal soldier."

Currently Forehand is working on improving her times in various track events so she can join the World Class Athlete Program, which starts up three years prior to the Olympics.

"I haven't made it to the caliber of an Olympic athlete yet, so I can't easily get sponsorship from big name companies; but the Army sports program and the 81st RSC have been very helpful in trying to give competitive Army athletes, who have the drive and the potential, but just haven't made it to the top yet, like myself, the chance to compete. I really appreciate all their efforts," Forehand said. She added that this support is one of the main reason she tries her best to wear some form of clothing that represents the Army or the Army Reserve when she races.

Forehand said she plans to represent the 81st RSC, Army Reserve and the Army every opportunity she gets. "I am proud to be a member of the Army Reserve and I am more than proud to be a member of the 81st RSC. I look forward to representing them in more races as I work toward my Olympic dreams." 🇺🇸

## Army Reservist aims for Olympic dreams

Story by Paul Adams  
81st RSC, PAO

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Denise F. Morrison isn't accustomed to losing. After all, she has been chasing her dream of competing in the Olympics in her sport of trap shooting ever since she was nine years old, and has been a winner at every level.

The 39-year-old Army Reserve major, assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineer, 81st Regional Support Command (RSC), is a veteran shooter with over 14 years of international competition to her credit.

As an international shooter in her own right, Morrison has been around the world competing in 15 different countries while gaining recognition for her achievements in her sport. During the past 14 years, while shooting Olympic style trap and double trap, Morrison has garnered over 40 national and international awards in trap shooting. She is most proud of being a three-time national champion in Women's International Trap Shooting in '87, '90 and Double Trap in '93,

earning the United States a Country Quota Slot for the 1988 Olympics and earning a position on the U.S. team to compete in seven world championships. She won a Bronze Medal in the 1994 World Shooting Championships, Women's International Trap, in

leader after the first of two selection matches held that year to decide the U.S. 2000 Olympic Shooting Team and who would travel to Sydney, Australia. At the end of the second selection match competition in June 2000, Morrison slipped to fifth, out of contention, but not out of the race

downs in trap shooting, and sometimes you will have a bad day and be off your mark, but the good thing is that in the fall everybody starts over with a clean slate to qualify for the next national or international competition. You always have a chance to be a winner," Morrison said.

She is now aiming her sights on competing in the U.S. Shooting Championships, July 18-28, 2001, at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. The top three women from the U.S. Championships will compete on the 2002 National Team in the Championships of America's competition in September 2001 at Fort Benning, Ga. Following that she will compete in the Fall Selection Match for 2001-2002 National Team, also at Fort Benning.

Morrison will remain a contender for future Olympics, as she continues to aim for greater heights in her quest to be an Olympic trap shooter. 🇺🇸



Photo by Paul Adams

**Major Denise Morrison competes in the second of two selection matches that decided the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team. She competed in the Women's Trap Shooting and placed fifth.**

Fagnano Olona, Italy.

In April 2000, Morrison stood one "bird," (clay pigeon) away from the

of one day being in a future Olympics.

"There are a lot of ups and



# Army Reserve medical company aids family abroad

Story by Sgt. Derrick Witherspoon  
81st RSC, PAO

DOBBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Army Reserve units are always encouraged to establish good relations with the people in their community, but one Army Reserve medical unit on Dobbins Air Force Base has taken its community relations abroad, lending a hand to two families overseas who were desperately in need of help.

The 806th Medical Company DS (Dental Service) Detachment 1, located on Dobbins Air Force Base, adopted two families in Ouanaminthe, Haiti, after hearing about the hunger and poverty families were facing there. The unit heard about the problem in Haiti and how they could adopt these families through some of the unit members who perform voluntary missionary work there. The unit has been on a personal mission to help these families in anyway possible ever since.

“I first heard about the problem in Haiti through Lieutenant Colonel Curtis M. Dilworth, one of the dentists in the unit, while we were at a conference. He said he was taking a trip to Haiti afterwards and I asked him if it was for a vacation. He said no. He said he volunteers his services to several countries and Haiti was one of them,” said Sgt. 1st Class Josephine R. Flood, dental assistant noncommissioned officer and unit administrator for the 806th. “I asked if there was any way we could help out and he told me about adopting families in Haiti. I asked the soldiers in the unit about doing this and told them the amount needed and that it was on a volunteer bases only. No one hesitated to help.” She added that the commander, Lt. Col. Joseph E.



Photo courtesy of 806th Med. Co., Det. 1

**Members of the Baptiste family, one of the two families in Haiti being aided by the 806th Med. Co., Det. 1, holds up a sign thanking them for their help and support.**

Baughman, was very supportive of the idea.

Flood said the families were chosen by Dilworth and Rev. Charles Elliott who work together on various volunteer missions around the world. The Durosier family and the Baptiste family both live in Ouanaminthe.

“We donate a total of 80 dollars each month, 40 dollars for each family, and Doctor Dilworth

does dental work, like extractions, fillings and cleaning, when he goes there. He also donated dental instruments to the dental clinic there, to include facemask, eye protection and so forth, because the dental clinic needed all sorts of supplies,” Flood said.

“I feel as if I’m trying to do my part to let them, Haitians, know that Americans care about them,” Dilworth said. “This is really a great program for any Reserve unit to get involved in. The results from such a humanitarian effort are great and this is a good public relations program for the U.S. Army.”

Specialist Kandice Paige, a 91E (dental specialist) with the 806th, said she also feels this is an excellent program for Army Reserve units to adopt. “The efforts put forth by our unit make me feel as though we are a part of the solution to their problem. We are doing our part as citizens of the United States and as members of the Army Reserve,” Paige said.

Specialist Timothy Woodson iterated the same. “It’s really a humbling experience to know a couple of dollars a month, that we usually take for granted, can help families in such a big way.”

Flood said they recently received photos of the families holding up signs with ‘Thank You 806th MED CO’ on them and messages about their welfare and how much they appreciate what the unit is doing for them.

Flood concluded by saying, “It gives us great pleasure to be able to help others that have less than we have and provide them with some food on their table if nothing else. As a unit we will continue to do this. It makes us feel good that we can help others no matter where they are.”

## 81st RSC gives Romanians a slice of Army Reserve life

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Chaunda L. Moore  
317th Military History Det.

ROME, Ga. – The 81st Regional Support Command (RSC) once again joined the ranks of organizations across the country that are seeking to accomplish the concept of the Joint Contact Team – “one step, one contact at a time to help crack open the door between East and West.” The 81st RSC Public Affairs Office (PAO) teamed with three of its subordinate units to host a delegation of three public affairs officials from Romania on a familiarization tour.

The Romanian delegation consisted of Maj. Dumitru-Liviu Flutur, public affairs officer of the Romanian Army staff; Maj. Merisor Ceranu, public affairs officer of the Land Forces Academy; and Adina Constantin, a civilian employee of the Romanian Army staff.

The 81st RSC PAO was chosen to participate in this program by the U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) because of their unique public affairs structure.

“The purpose of the visit is to familiarize the Romanian representatives with the duties and responsibilities of a U.S. public affairs office and its operations,” said Paul R. Adams, public affairs specialist at the 81st RSC. “The objective is for our government to reach out to other governments. It is an

opportunity to exchange information,” he continued.

“They are seeking to improve, upgrade and standardize staff training, functions, roles, responsibilities and procedures based on the U.S. model,” Adams said. The Joint Contact Team came into existence a few years ago and was established under the U.S. European Command. It has quickly expanded to other nations.

Among the many activities scheduled during the weeklong visit was a baseball game in Birmingham, Ala. They also traveled to Huntsville, Ala., to visit the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and U.S. Army Aviation & Missile Command, toured the Birmingham News building and ABC 33/40 television studio and went shopping at the Galleria in Birmingham. One of the Romanian’s favorite activities, according to Adams, was reviewing the Community Outreach Program because they are “intense” about media relations and enjoyed meeting the community.

The guests participated in a demonstration of equipment and skills provided by the 209th Broadcast Public Affairs Detachment (BPAD) of Rome, Ga., and the 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (MPAD) of Fort McPherson, Ga., on May 11th during their visit to Rome.

Sergeant David Lomax, a print journalist with the 300th MPAD, presented a briefing and demonstration of the digital camera and its accessories. Using a Dell laptop computer armed with the Adobe



Photo by Paul Adams

**Sergeant David Lomax, 300th MPAD, performs a digital camera demonstration for Romanian visitors Maj. Dumitru-Liviu Flutur, left; Maj. Merisor Ceranu, center; and Adina Constantin, right.**

Photoshop software, Lomax and Sgt. 1st Class Scotty J. Johnson, public affairs NCO with the 81st RSC, were able to show how imperfect photos taken earlier in the day could be significantly improved. Both officers, Flutur and Ceranu participated in the demonstration.

Specialist Adam J. Daley, a broadcast journalist with the 209th BPAD, accompanied by Spc. Edward C. Settle, a combat documentation specialist with the 209th BPAD, set up a mock newscast for the visitors.

Afterwards, Daley gave a briefing to the Romanians on the role of the BPAD, explaining that their mission was to provide direct radio communication. He shared information on their responsibilities

and how they related to other agencies.

Flutur explained that they did not have sophisticated equipment, like what they were shown during the tour, to work with in Romania. The guests expressed a desire to see more of public affairs at work in the future, such as at Joint Readiness Training Center or the National Training Center exercises.

Flutur concluded, “We have a lot of homework to do. Our mission is to understand and explain to our colleagues what we’ve seen. We will go back and tell Romania the Army Reserve story and share the wonderful experiences we had during our tour.”

**“We will go back and tell Romania the Army Reserve story...”**

Maj. Dumitru-Liviu Flutur



# Reservists mapping their way to success

Story by Sgt. Derrick Witherspoon  
81st RSC, PAO

FORT GILLEM, Ga. – Soldiers have been using land maps for years to help guide them through missions such as in Germany, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Kosovo and definitely in the United States. The 803rd Quartermaster Battalion, Detachment 1, is just one of the units in the Army Reserve today that provides soldiers with the maps they need to help them accomplish their missions and get back to their families swiftly and safely.

The 803rd QM BN, located on Fort Gillem, is a map platoon consisting of 23 reservists, many holding the military occupational specialty (MOS) 92A (Automated Logistics Specialist). Their primary mission during peacetime is to distribute maps to units under the Army Reserve, National Guard, Navy Reserve and Marine Reserve that fall within the Southeast, Northeast and Midwest regions of the United States. They also provide R.O.T.C programs with maps they require to accomplish their annual missions.

Staff Sergeant Wille C. Thompson, material control accounting supervisor for the 803rd, said they also perform what is called a “Hot Mission.” “Our hot mission is a continuous year round mission. It mainly focuses on the reservists performing warehouse duties such as ordering maps, pulling maps from the shelves, location surveys,

location inventories and home station A.T.,” Thompson said.

Thompson said that at this time they have over 390 units that they are providing maps to, but all the work doesn’t lie in their hands alone. “We are supported by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) in Richmond, Va. They are the ones who supply us with all the maps we must distribute,” Thompson said. “Now those maps are created or made by the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) in St. Louis. If there is a particular place in the world that the government wants a map of, they will place an order into NIMA. Once NIMA has produced that map they send it to DLA for distribution,”

Thompson said there are only three units in the Army Reserve that deal with distributing maps. “Besides ourselves, there is the 355th Quartermaster Company in New Orleans and the 1014th Map Unit in Indianapolis, Md., but we get the majority of the business. We support 37 out of the 50 states at this particular time, which makes us the largest map unit in the Army Reserve,” Thompson said.

Staff Sergeant Rowland Fowler, training noncommissioned officer and platoon sergeant with the 803rd, said being the largest map unit in the Army Reserve can be quite a handful at times. “This job requires a lot of man hours and phone calls, and because we don’t

**“We come to drill knowing that we’re here to get the job done, and we always do.”**

Staff Sgt. Karren M. Lopez



Photo by Sgt. Derrick Witherspoon

**Specialist Conjetta Garrett and Spc. Nathan Whitlock, members of the 803rd Quartermaster Battalion, prepare maps to be placed in shipping tubes for shipment to customers requesting maps.**

have enough full-time soldiers to help out, it can be a strain sometimes. I think having more personnel on a constant bases would really make our mission go a lot smoother, but we really appreciate all the hard work the reservists put in when they come to drill. They all are doing and have done an outstanding job for the unit,” Fowler said.

“Staff Sergeant Thompson and Staff Sergeant Fowler have taught us all to perform our jobs in the warehouse well. We are all knowledgeable in our jobs and we really have a good handle on things,” said Staff Sgt. Karren M. Lopez, a 92A with the 803rd. “It’s all about teamwork in this unit. We come to drill knowing that we’re here to get the job done, and we always do.”

“I really like the fact that we come to drill and get the chance to perform our job and not just do paperwork or CTT stuff all the time,” said Spc.

Conjetta Garret, also a 92A with the 803rd. “The soldiers here are so motivated, and that definitely makes doing this job fun. I can’t see myself distributing maps in the civilian world, but I like doing it for the military,” Garret said.

Although Garret enjoys distributing print maps for the military, the way she performs her job might change in the near future with some maps now being processed digitally. “At this time there is a conversion being done and some products are being digitalized,” Thompson said. “We have some digital data on CD of different areas around the world, but as far as our mission with the paper maps goes, we see it like this; as long as there is an infantry soldier out there, he is always going to need a paper map. So our mission will be here as long as there are infantry soldiers on the ground.”

## Quartermaster Company jumps into training exercise

Story by Sgt. David Lomax, Jr.  
300th MPAD

FORT STEWART, Ga. – The air was thick with anticipation as reservists with the 421st Quartermaster Company (LAS) gathered at the Fort Valley, Ga., Army Reserve Center for a weekend of training exercises designed to evaluate their mission readiness capabilities in a “real-world” environment.

“Operation Stiletto” was a two-part weekend field training exercise conducted at Fort Stewart consisting of parachute equipment, personnel drop training and nuclear biological chemical (NBC) training in conjunction with the Fort Stewart based 366th Chemical Company (Smoke).

“This mission gives me an opportunity to provide support to soldiers by getting them the equipment they need to complete their mission,” said Pvt. Tray Brantley, supply specialist for the 421st. “I plan on going to jump school over the next couple of years and become jump qualified,” he said.

Brantley said by being a part of this mission he could witness an actual parachute jump and gain valuable learning experience. “We’ve got a lot

of non-jumpers in our unit and this is good training for everyone,” he added.

The 421st is a unit whose primary mission is to airlift and drop food, water and medical supplies, and to provide parachute drop training for qualified jumpers. The main objective of this training exercise was to conduct an air movement aboard an Air Force C-130 aircraft and drop cargo and personnel. The company and equipment was transported from Fort Valley, Ga., to Wright Army Airfield where it was airlifted to Fort Stewart.

One aircraft was loaded with jumping and non-jumping personnel. The second was loaded with a 6,000-pound forklift and four pallets of cargo with high velocity parachutes.

While preparing for departure to Fort Stewart, the jumpers donned parachutes and conducted pre-jump equipment safety checks.

“I feel pretty good about this jump,” said Sgt. Terry Anderson, parachute rigger with the 421st. “The weather is nice and the drop zone is free from obstacles. That’s always a plus. Everything should be pretty smooth.”

**“This mission gives me an opportunity to provide support to soldiers...”**

Pvt. Tray Brantley



Photo by Sgt. David Lomax

**Sergeant Carlos Carr, 421st Quartermaster Company, conducts a thorough inspection of the parachute equipment worn by Spc. James Pittman at Wright Army Airfield.**

Anderson said this was his first drop on this drop zone. “My anxiety always builds before a jump. Once the green light comes on, instinct and training takes over. Relief comes when the chute opens. It’s a rush. I’m pretty excited,” he said. The soldiers and cargo were transported to the drop zone where 22 soldiers and four cargo bundles were successfully dropped.

“My intent is to insure safety and provide a good training environment for our soldiers,” said Sgt. 1st Class Melvin G. Tucker, mission field sergeant. “We did that. This mission provided good training and experience,” he said. Tucker said he would recommend parachute training to any soldier who is interested in doing it as part of their career advancement goals.



# MAKERS

## 81st RSC TPU of the Year

ORLANDO, Fla. – Specialist Charles J. Williams, an Army Reservist with the 361st Quartermaster Battalion in Montgomery, Ala., was recently selected as the 81st RSC Troop Program Unit (TPU) Soldier of the Year. Williams won the prestigious title during the 81st RSC Soldier of the Year Board held in Orlando, Fla.



“It really feels great to receive recognition such as this. I suggest to all soldiers to just give it a try. You never know how far you can go unless you try,” Williams said.

(By Sgt. Derrick Witherspoon, 81st RSC, PAO)

## Family Promotion Ceremony

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Sergeant Major Walter Goodrich, a member of the 81st Regional Support Command (RSC) Retention Office, was recently promoted to his present grade in what was initially planned as a simple ceremony to be attended by his wife, Kaye, and son, Joshua, a second lieutenant in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

Hours before the ceremony, the senior Goodrich received a fax from his son’s headquarters effectively promoting his son to first lieutenant. Plans quickly changed and Kaye Goodrich proudly watched two members of her family promoted by Lt. Col. Tom Moore, Command Retention Officer of the 81st RSC.

First Lieutenant Goodrich is a platoon leader in an engineer unit on the weekends and works in civilian employment and development for the Massachusetts Army National Guard during the week.

(By Paul Adams, 81st RSC, PAO)

## Maintenance Excellence Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Army has announced winners and runners-up for the fiscal year 2000 Army Award for Maintenance Excellence program. The 414th Transportation Company, Orangeburg, S.C., was a runner-up in the U.S. Army Reserve, MTO&E Light Category.

The 414th and 22 other units will be honored at an

awards ceremony July 18 at the Doubletree Hotel in Washington, D.C., hosted by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki. Winners and runners-up include: four signal and four transportation units; three maintenance, three military intelligence and three engineer units; two field artillery and two quartermaster units; and one infantry and one garrison unit.

The awards program was established in 1982 by the Department of the Army to recognize exceptional accomplishments in unit maintenance across the full spectrum of Combat Arms, Combat Service and Combat Service Support units, officials said.

(By Sgt. Derrick Witherspoon, 81st RSC, PAO)

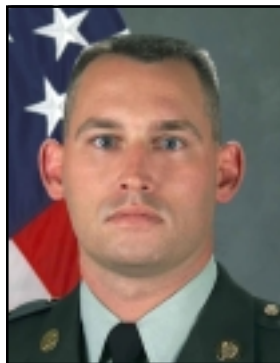
## Certificate of Appreciation

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Captain Monice Jackson-Ferrill, 640th Area Support Group (ASG), full-time unit support personnel officer, was presented a certification of appreciation from the Chief of Army Reserve, Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, on March 23 by Maj. Gen. Michael R. Mayo, commanding general of the 81st Regional Support Command, for her dedication, commitment and professionalism as a U.S. Army Reserve delegate to the Headquarters, Department of the Army Family Action Plan Conference held in Fort Belvoir, Va.

(By Lt. Col. Ken Tarkington, Jr., 640th ASG)

## Alabama Governor’s Award

GUNTER AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – Sergeant First Class James D. Scott, an Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) soldier stationed at Headquarters, 81st Regional Support Command (RSC), recently received Alabama’s highest military award from Governor Don Siegelman. The Alabama Governor’s Award for Outstanding Enlisted Representative was presented to Scott in a ceremony held at Gunter Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala.



Sergeant Major Jose Mojica, 81st RSC retention and transition division noncommissioned officer and Scott’s supervisor, said Scott is an outstanding NCO and that is one

of the reasons the 81st chose him to receive the award. “Sergeant Scott is one soldier I would go to war with any day. We are very proud to have him as a member of our office,” Mojica said.

Scott received the award as representative of the 81st RSC where he is currently assigned to the Retention and Transition Division serving as an Operations NCO. Scott provides support to retention and transition NCO’s throughout the 81st RSC eight state region.

“I feel honored to have received this award. It’s definitely a privilege to have been the one chosen to receive it,” Scott said.

Scott was also recently selected as the 81st RSC NCO of the Year for 2001.

(By Sgt. Derrick Witherspoon, 81st RSC, PAO)

## Civilian Employee of the Year

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – On April 29th, 2001, Cecil M. Ward of HHD, 356th Quartermaster Battalion, Laurel, Miss., received the first annual Robert H. Windle 81st Regional Support Command (RSC) Civilian Employee of the Year Award for Fiscal Year 2000.



The Robert H. Windle Award was named in honor of retired Command Executive Officer, Robert H. Windle, whose 35 years of federal service exemplified the height of achievement, dedication to service and personal integrity.

Ward was chosen by the 81st RSC Incentive Awards Committee from among 13 nominations submitted by the 81st Major Subordinate Commands, Direct Reporting Units and the 81st RSC Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics. Windle was on hand to personally present the award to Ward.

Ward received: an engraved trophy with his name on it to keep and display until the next Windle Award winner is announced next year; a Superior Civilian Service Award; a special act or service award in the amount of \$1,000; a Wildcat Trophy; and his photograph on a lettered plaque prominently displayed in the 81st RSC headquarters in Birmingham.

Ward’s wife, Maurine, was also present for the award ceremony.

(By Sgt. Derrick Witherspoon, 81st RSC, PAO)

## Officers receive MacArthur Award

Story by Lt. Col. Randy Pullen  
PALD OCAR

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Six Army Reserve officers were among the 24 junior officers who received the prestigious Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award in a Pentagon ceremony May 23.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki presented the awards during the 14th annual awards ceremony. Assisting Shinseki in presenting the 15-pound bronze bust of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur was Mr. William S. Hull of the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Foundation, which sponsors the presentation, in cooperation with the Department of the Army.

The Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award recognizes company-grade active-duty, Reserve and National

Guard officers who demonstrate duty, honor and country. Criteria for the award include the ability to motivate others, understand fellow soldiers and inspire commitment, teamwork and esprit de corps.

The Army Reserve winners from the 81st Regional Support Command (RSC) were: 1st Lt. Randall B. Fisher, 3397th Garrison Support Unit, Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Capt. Christopher E. West, Headquarters and Headquarters, 467th Engineer Battalion (Corps)(Wheeled), Memphis, Tenn.

Following the Pentagon ceremony, the Army Reserve winners were recognized in a separate ceremony hosted by Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, Chief, Army Reserve. During that ceremony, 1st Lt. Fisher was one of two officers promoted to captain.

(By Lt. Col. Randy Pullen, PALD OCAR)



Photo by Lt. Col. Randy Pullen

**Captain Christopher E. West, 467th Engineer Battalion, shakes hands with Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, after he was presented the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Award.**



# ROUNDUP

## 81st RSG

### 1189th USATT BDE

CHARLESTON, S.C. – Members of the 1189th U.S. Army Transportation Terminal Brigade entered in the first annual Space and Naval Warfare (SPAWAR) System Center Captain’s Challenge 5K Run or Walk at the Charleston Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, S.C. Since the 1189th Reserve center is located on the weapons station, unit members felt it was appropriate to represent the 1189th and the Army Reserve in the “Navy” Captain’s Challenge Run.

Sixteen unit members ran the 5K course and won most of the Navy’s hardware. Staff Sgt. Marie Taylor won the overall women’s title. 1st Lt. Sheldon Butts was barely edged out of the men’s overall title by an active duty Navy SEAL. Taylor was also a member of the four-person group that took first place in the team competition. Also sharing in this achievement were Majors: Ben English, Mark Bunch and Gary Berenyi. Each team member was awarded a first place plaque.

Colonel William Johnston, commander of the 1189th, stated, “The runners showed the ‘Warrior Sprit’ by volunteering of their time and bodies. Their physical fitness and positive attitude has once again helped Army to beat Navy.”

As part of this “Running Spirit,” the 1189th plans to have teams participate in this year’s upcoming Cooper River Bridge Run. This 10K run or walk draws over 25,000 participants each year. The unit also plans to have recruiters and other representatives present at the event to highlight the 1189th and Army Reserve presences in the local community.

(By Maj. Stephen M. Rutner, 1189th TTB, PAO)

## 640th ASG

### 361st QM BN

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The 361st Quartermaster Battalion in Montgomery was visited by Gen. Michael R. Mayo, commanding general of the 81st Regional Support Command, on January 21, 2001. In this visit he inspected the unit end strength objectives (ESO), retention success, overall performance and wanted to meet the new 79V (Retention NCO). This is one of the first units to meet their ESO (End Strength Objective) in the year 2000 and they are targeted to meet this year’s goals also.

The general gave two Army Achievement Medals, reenlisted two soldiers and visited every section in the unit to include eating lunch with the troops. When asked by Mayo, “Why did you reenlist,” one of the soldiers said, “Not for the money, but the need to give back to my community.”

(By Staff Sgt. David E. Clinkscales, 81st RSC, Retention and Transition Office)

### 400th QM CO

MAYSVILLE, Ky. – Members of the 400th Quartermaster Company in Maysville, Ky., departed for a 21-day Overseas Deployment Training (ODT) mission in November. The ODT mission was part of their annual training for 2001 supporting the 18th Theater Army Area Command (TACOM) in Korea. As part of the integration of the Army Reserve and the Active Army, the 400th conducted warehouse material handling missions in support of active units.

The first iteration departed on Nov. 11th for three-weeks, followed by the second iteration three-weeks later, who completed the mission on December 22nd.

A bus arrived at the unit carrying members from Lexington, Ky. Upon arrival at the unit, the soldiers assembled in the company area to hear the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Robert Seifert from the 373rd

Quartermaster Battalion, and Chaplain (1st Lt.) Jeff Carlisle speak.

Carlisle is a prior service soldier and drew on his experiences of deployments and readiness training to offer words of advice. He encouraged the soldiers to stay mission focused at all times despite the anxieties they may encounter en-route to Korea. Carlisle said it was natural to feel anxious and isolated upon departure to a foreign nation, but to rest assured that they and their families would be taken care of.

After the Chaplain spoke, Seifert addressed the departing soldiers as well. He told them that the unit was more than ready to fulfill the mission in Korea. The soldiers then loaded the bus and departed for Cincinnati International Airport to catch their flight and begin their mission in Korea.

(By 1st Lt. Michael Haynes, 400th QM CO)

## 641st ASG

### 317th MP BN

CAMP BLANDING, Fla. – One weekend a month and two-weeks a year the 317th Military Police Battalion, a high-priority mobile unit located in Tampa, Fla., and its companies, train intensely. The weekend they recently spent at Camp Blanding would be no different.

The soldiers were at Camp Blanding to train and qualify on weapons including 9 mm pistols, M16A-2 rifles, M60 machine guns and the MK-90 grenade launcher. The soldiers of the 317th MP Battalion ate and slept in field conditions at the firing range.

The training started the moment they reached the National Guard base. Though some of the soldiers were weary by lunch, Sgt. William Davenport pointed out the importance of Army readiness and the need to be prepared to endure long days with little sleep.

“It’s the way the Army works,” said Davenport, an employee for the City of Tampa water department. “We train as we fight and sometimes that means very long hours.”

At another range, company commander Capt. Kelly Higgins of the 351st Military Police Company, Ocala, Fla., talked about their battalion mission objective.

“The 317th is responsible for Battlefield Circulation Control,” said Higgins. “After the frontline has cleared the area of the enemy, the 317th would clear a path for the supplies and transportation.” Higgins also explained that many of the duties of the military police are closely related to civilian police officers.

Higgins added that the mission of the military police can be harsh and grueling, but the job of a military police reservist is by no means a simple task. “Reserve or active, values demonstrated by the 317th, such as selfless service, duty, honor and loyalty, are the backbone to a combat ready military,” Higgins said.

(By Spc. Anthony K. Reinoso, 204th MPAD)

## 642nd ASG

### 4212th USAH

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. – Members of the 4212th U.S. Army Hospital, located in Kingsport, Tenn., participated in the Remote Area Medical (RAM) support fair held in Mountain City, Tenn.

RAM is a group of doctors and nurses from all over the United States that donate their time and skills to serve under privileged people in remote areas. Medical and dental support is provided free of charge to these people. Those attending were Maj. Susan Grover, Capt. Dona Burleson, Master Sgt. Earline Haynes and Sgt. 1st Class Lyrecia Richardson.

Members of the 4212th provided valuable help in working to triage patients, taking histories, doing patient education and assisting dentists. Through their efforts many people who could not

afford basic medical and dental care were able to receive this aid.

(By Lt. Col. Nikki McCarty, 7201st USA MSU)

## 3rd PERSCOM

### 324th REPL BN

CAMP MCCAIN, Miss. – When someone mentions Adjutant General (AG) a soldier might think of personnel managers working at post headquarters or as unit clerks who never get their hands dirty. Like any soldier in the U. S. Army, AG soldiers still have to know those critical battlefield skills to accomplish their missions and survive. The 324th Replacement Battalion, located in Starkville, Miss., would reinforce this during its annual training known as “Operation Tactical Focus.”

For members of the 324th and two of its subordinate Replacement Companies, the 412th, located in Pascagoula, Miss., and 813th, located in Gordon, Ala., going to the field was made part of its annual range firing requirement. The exercise was designed to re-acclimate and refresh soldiers with living and working in the field.

The training took place at Camp McCain, Miss., during the period of 11 March to 18 March. After completing its annual weapons qualification, the battalion and companies moved via tactical road march to the field and occupied the new site. Defensive positions were then established and over the course of the next ninety-six hours the unit was aggressed by OPFOR provided by the 3rd and the 346th Training Support Brigade (TSB) and the 87th Division, out of Camp Shelby, Miss. The TSB and its staff also provided the subject matter experts for supporting the training needs of the battalion.

The units feel that the training was successful enough to do it again in the future as part of its annual weapons qualification. Although replacement units, whether battalion or company, will typically deploy and operate out of APOD (Aerial Ports of Debarkation), the need to live and work in an austere environment remains an important part of their training needs since the mobilization needs of the Army are always changing.

(By Maj. William R. Aust, 324th Repl. BN)

## 926th EN GP

### 478th EN BN

Fort Thomas, Ky. – On March 17, 2001, over 300 local residents from the city of Fort Thomas showed up for “Car in for Sharon,” a charity walk for Sharon Everett. Sharon is a local resident and grandmother who last summer was involved in a car fire accident that severely burned over 70 percent of her body.

Both, civilian AT&T volunteer organizers of this event and the City of Fort Thomas, asked for volunteers from the local 478th Engineer Battalion. Soldiers from the 478th volunteered for the event and offered their services for traffic control and provided water for all the participants.

The event raised over 40,000 dollars to help Everett toward medical bills and other expenses that have arisen from her rehabilitation. Maj. James Austin, Executive Officer for the 478th said, “This is a great opportunity for the unit to give back to the community and provide support for a truly good cause.” Maj. (P) Mark Williams, Battalion Commander & AT&T Director of Project Management, thanked and recognized these soldiers for their professionalism and service to the city and a citizen in need.

(By Command Sgt. Maj. Preston Bishop, 478th EN BN)



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# NEWS BRIEFS

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## Cribbins Scholarship

Association of the United States Army officials recently announced that candidates may apply now for the school year 2001-2002 Cribbins scholarship.

Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, USA, Ret., AUSA president, instituted the Joseph P. and Helen T. Cribbins Scholarship in honor of its benefactors in 2000.

The \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to provide financial assistance to current or former soldiers entering an accredited college or university and pursuing a degree in engineering or a related field.

The scholarship will be presented on the basis of academic merit and personal achievement to a soldier serving in the active Army, Army National Guard or U.S. Army Reserve, or who has been honorably discharged from any component of the total Army.

To apply, the applicant must show that he or she has been accepted as a freshman to an accredited four-year college or university. Those soldiers accepted to a military academy are not eligible.

Applicants must complete the form and return it to AUSA at the address below no later than Aug. 15, 2001.

Proof of acceptance as a freshman to an accredited four-year college, a transcript of high school (or equivalent) grades and, in the case of a former soldier, a copy of the DD214 must accompany the application.

To apply for the scholarship, write to: Association of the U.S. Army, Corporate Secretary, Attn: Cribbins Scholarship, 2425 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201. (AUSA News)

## 2XCitizen Website

ST. LOUIS, Mo. – New website and phone services are now available for customers of the Army Reserve Personnel Command. New features include on-line retirement points and survivor benefit calculators as well as an interactive voice response system for soldier evaluations.

AR-PERSCOM officials have developed a coordinated information technology structure to increase service levels, ensure consistency of information and provide tools for soldiers to manage their Army Reserve careers.

Look for additional information on the 2Xcitizen website throughout the coming year. (AR-PERSCOM Public Affairs)

## Suicide Hotline

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – For some, everyday life is painful due to dramatic pressures. The holiday season exerts even more stress. With this in mind, we must ensure that all soldiers and civilians receive training to recognize the behaviors and symptoms that might lead someone to suicide. Command vigilance is the key to stopping suicides within the USAR. All USAR chaplains are standing by to provide Suicide Awareness training throughout the 81st RSC to assist in this effort to preserve life.

If you are in need of help or know someone

who does please call the 81st RSC Suicide Hotline cellular phone number, 1-205-516-3994, or the National Suicide Hotline, 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433).

(Chaplain (Col.) Tommy W. Smith)

## Officer Promotions

WASHINGTON - Beginning this summer and continuing through March 2005, some National Guard and Army Reserve officers may be considered for promotion a year earlier than they anticipated.

The Army has extended an adjusted promotion board zone of consideration program first announced in August 1999. Promotion board zones of consideration will expand from a year to 13 months for several years, officials said, in order to comply with law.

First lieutenants and captains with dates of rank that now fall between May 17 and Aug. 31 may be affected by the incremental zone expansions, officials said. Those majors and lieutenant colonels who have a date of rank of Jan. 2 through March 31 may also be affected by this special program.

For more information contact your career manager at Army Reserve Personnel Command (AR-PERSCOM) in St. Louis, Mo. (Army News Service)

## Military Education

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. – Military.com, the largest online military destination and the online presence of Military Advantage, Inc., announced comprehensive education resources to help military personnel and veterans take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them.

Military.com provides easy-to-use guides to schools offering veteran discounts (free books, free, tutorial sessions, etc.); Schools accepting military training for academic credit; Comparisons of ROTC programs; Distance learning programs; GI Bill benefit information by state; and Direct access to over \$300 million in scholarships

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, half of all service members eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill do not use the valuable benefits they have earned. Education resources can be found at [www.careers.military.com](http://www.careers.military.com).

Military Advantage keeps the broader military community informed and connected for life. Founded by members of the military community, Military Advantage has offices in San Francisco, Washington and New York. Military Advantage is funded by The Mayfield Fund, US Venture Partners, Broadview International, PRIMEDIA Ventures and A&E Television Networks.

(Military Advantage)

## TRICARE

The 2001 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) contains great news for active duty uniformed services members and their families. One provision that's sure to please is the elimination of co-payments for active duty family members (ADFM) enrolled in TRICARE Prime.

Active duty family members enrolled in TRICARE Prime will no longer have to make co-

payments for the care they receive from their civilian providers. Currently, family members of active duty members in pay grades E-1 to E-4 and pay grades E-5 and above pay \$6 and \$12, respectively, for such visits. In addition, family members' \$11 per day civilian inpatient charge is being eliminated, as is the \$11.45 per day family member rate for enrollees admitted to a military treatment facility.

Legislation included in the 2001 NDAA, such as the elimination of co-payments, is giving recruiters something to cheer about. As an employee benefit, TRICARE is quickly becoming what military leaders hoped it would: The world's best health care for the world's best military.

Active duty family members will still have to make pharmacy co-payments for the National Mail Order Pharmacy program and at network retail stores, but these charges are nominal. In addition, military treatment facilities continue to provide prescription drugs free of charge — a huge cost saving available to all uniformed services beneficiaries.

In order to obtain the elimination of co-payments for care received from their civilian providers TRICARE Prime enrollees must follow TRICARE Prime rules. For example, TRICARE Prime enrollees must normally obtain authorization from their primary care manager before seeking care from civilian providers. While they retain the right to seek civilian care without authorization from their primary care manager, the TRICARE Prime point-of-service charges will apply.

Family members who use the point-of-service option are responsible for paying the annual deductible of \$300 per member or \$600 per family, and 50 percent of the TRICARE allowable charge once the deductible is met. Family members also are responsible for any additional charges billed by the non-network provider, up to 15 percent above the TRICARE allowable charge (balance billing rule). Members are encouraged to consult with a health benefits adviser (HBA) or beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator (BCAC) prior to using the point-of-service option.

The elimination of co-payments for active duty family members who see civilian providers is not only about cost. It's also about making the TRICARE benefit equal for those who see civilian versus military providers. In response to feedback from beneficiaries, TRICARE Prime is being re-designed to take the irritants out of the program. Cost is a big concern for beneficiaries, and the elimination of co-payments for active duty family members enrolled in Prime is a plus for customer satisfaction.

(Tricare News Release)

## Extension Board

WASHINGTON (March 29, 2001) -- The Chief, Army Reserve, has directed that a board be conducted to consider eligible Active Guard Reserve (AGR) officers for extension beyond 20 years of active federal service (AFS).

This board will consider AGR officers with 18 or more years of AFS, as of June 1, 2001, for extension beyond 20 years AFS. The board will establish an Order of Merit List (OML), which will be forwarded to the Chief, Army Reserve, for final approval. All extensions will be based on the needs of the Army Reserve AGR Program.

Some 330 officers are eligible to apply for extension. Packets with detailed instructions and procedures for applying for extension will be mailed to those eligible on March 30, which will allow sufficient time to complete and return the packets to the board.

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